

**MINUTES**  
**MARION CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 AT 5:15 P.M.**

**MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ashley Brady	Councilman Joseph Frazier
Mayor Pro tem Emerson Hunt	Councilwoman Tassie Lewis
Councilman Ralph Atkinson	Councilman Michael Baker
Councilman Ronald Atkinson	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Alan Ammons, City Administrator  
Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk  
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer  
Jackie Yates, Assistant Fire Chief

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY**

Mayor Ashley Brady called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and welcomed all. He stated that our thoughts and prayers are going out to all that are afflicted with this virus and hope that all heed all the government indications to social distance themselves and wash your hands, wash your hands, and wash your hands. Mayor would like to give a quick update of what has been done at the City. The doors has been locked and a sign is on the front door with the phone numbers on it so we can be reached. When someone comes in the front foyer we have a barricade up so that no one can go pass the front foyer, so they have to talk to Ms. Ainsley; however, we are encouraging them to make that phone call here at City Hall because majority of everything can be done by a phone call. Mayor stated at the

Police Department we have suspended Court. The Police Department still have to do the bond hearings. The lobby has been closed off and a sign had been put up stating who to call and where to call. Of course if it's an emergency call 911, and we are working with Mr. Billy Register to have a phone installed in that foyer so they can reach and call someone in. Mayor stated that we know that majority of folks these days have a cell phone, but just in case we have an individual that phone is dead and needed to speak to someone that is why we are getting a phone installed in that foyer.

Mayor stated that the Fire Department is up to speed on what they have to do. They have their N95 mask of which they need. Typically stated that Mayor, if the EMS is coming and they are just sick, the Fire Department will stay outside and let EMS come unless it is a life threatening call. If our guys have to go in worst case scenario they will go in.

Mayor stated that at the Recreation Department we have suspended all recreation play, closed all the gym's, and sports activities, property rentals have been suspended. We have gone in and sanitized and cleaned all the gym because they did go in and play basketball the weekend whipped them down and sprayed. All the kids are out of school and we plan to spray the playground equipment twice a week with a disinfectant spray. Mayor stated that he thinks that we are doing all that we can.

The Public Work guys are out doing what they can. They do not interact with the public a lot, and are out in the field so there is no really big risk there.

Mayor stated this past week the question came up as to what will happen with the payroll. Mrs. Patricia will remotely process payroll and or Ms.

Ashley house with internet connection do our payroll to make direct deposit. All of our departments have time cards but if we can't get the time cards here Mrs. Patricia has come up with a form where the guys can fill out and put the hours on the for the employee, and in turn email or take a picture and text it to her and then she can process it to her. Mayor stated also that it is not only good for this situation but any other natural disaster such as hurricane.

Mr. Ammons stated that Mrs. Elizabeth did bring us up to date and we can go ahead and file FEMA just in case it does gets to the threshold dollar amount.

Mayor expressed that just as he was speaking to Jackie they are trying to pick up some additional supplies such as the N95 mask. This is the mask that they can use to protect them.

2. 1st Reading Ordinance 20-01 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF MARION CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DEVELOP AND ENACT A PLAN IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**  
*A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier to accept the Ordinance 20-01 An Emergency Ordinance to temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of Marion City Council Meetings and to Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in*

***the delivery of Government Services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak; and matters related thereto.*** The motion carried.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

A brief discussion was mentioned by Councilman Michael Baker about other places across the state and stated about limiting the number of people that can go into grocery stores and places like that. Mayor stated that he has no information concerning that at this time. Mayor stated that they are saying 10 and practicing social distancing, and washing hands. Councilman stated that he is hearing that in other places they are only allowing 50 people in at a time. Other Councilman and Councilwoman interacted with the discussion until it cease. Mayor also wanted to make mention to patronize our restaurants. Our restaurants are going to be hurting. Restaurants are closed in dining but majority on the list that Council had copy of are open for takeout and curbside delivery. With nothing further to discuss. ***A motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Ralph Atkinson.*** The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Ashley Brady

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Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk

Taped: March 18, 2020